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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Group Art Unit: 1771

BAHAR et al.

Examiner: B. Copenheaver

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For: ULTRA-THIN INTEGRAL COMPOSITE MEMBRANE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

We respond to the January 21, 2000 office action. The applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time, and a separate petition to that effect is filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. ~~99~~. (once amended) An integral air impermeable composite membrane comprising:
a polymeric support having a microstructure of micropores, said microstructure defining a porosity in the range of about 70% to 98% within said polymeric support,